POOR PRUDENCIA.

You will thank the Lord you live in free America when you read the fol- possession? lowing story of a girl in Manila. It is

In the Philippine Islands persons of mixed foreign and Malay blood are called mestizos; feminine, mestiza, Sometimes these mestizos display thrift and good management, like white people, particularly if a proportion of the race mixture is Chinese. Such persons often become wealthy or inherit fortunes from their ancestors, and the richer they are the more they imitate the Spanish style of living. lasinespand all.

One of the cardinal tenets of the Spanish social fabric is that a girl is to be watched and tended precisely as if she were a buby or perhaps a criminal or an idiot. She must not take a walk, must not work or get much education. must not be driven out in a carriage by the coachman, unless somebody is with her to prevent the total depravity of ber nature from asserting itself. She is not allowed to know anything of the world till after she is married, and not even then unless she is a woman of unusual brains and independence and takes the bit in her own teeth.

The logical result is that the most absolutely useless human being on this planet is the average Spanish woman in Manila, whether maid, wife or widow.

Now let us go on with my story. Prudencia's father and mother were rich mestizos. They reared the girl in pinchbeck imitation of the Spanish style, showing thereby the silliness and vanity of human nature, since no Spantard of high social standing would have associated with them any more than with his own valet or stableman.

The Americans came to Manila, changing the whole face of things. The l'dipino insurrection flamed up in a might. Our soldlers fixed native houses. and cut up plantations for rules around Mantia to drive out the rebels and protect the city.

Among those whose possessions went up in smoke were the parents of Prudencia. In one day their chocolate and encounut groves, banana gardens and ricefields were leveled to the brick steps were left.

fromcless, ruined, whence their next week's living would come, they sped into Manila, the city where the American government feeds the wives and children of the insurrectos who are fighting against it. The father and mother consulted an American lawser to ascertain whether they will recover damages for the loss of their property, seeing that they themselves and not been its enemies.

Oh, yes, they could, the attorney told them. The great and good United State- government always paid for properly necessarily destroyed in the war a lon it belonged to persons not in relation But it would require time to what was due them.

The actorney showed himself kindly and interested in their welfure, so that one marning they made bold to consult h)m on a matter that vitally concerned them. How were they going to live |

while the lawyer was recovering their

That was more than even he could tell them. Had they no way of earning money to tide over the waiting? he asked. No; there was no way, there was nothing. At least there was one thing, but it was not thought of, not for a moment.

"What is that?" asked the attorney. "There has been offered to our daughter," answered the father, "a place as teacher in one of the municipal schools. It is a primary school, to teach young children, and our Pruden-

eta could do this well." "Oh, then," said the attorney, "you

are provided for already." "But, no," answered the father; "it mnot be. The little school is in Er-We live in the walled city, a mile and a half away. We are too poor to keep a carriage in which to send our daughter back and forth four times a day."

"But there's the street car quite convenient," said the American. "But the senor does not understand.

Her mother cannot accompany our daughter always in the tram car or go after her every noon and evening. We are too poor to hire a nurse or woman servant to do so. It would eat up all the earnings."

"But surely the senorita knows the way to her schoolhouse and can sit in the street car till she arrives at her . schoolhouse.' "Oh, no, no, senor! She could never

go alone. It cannot be," was the horrified answer.

It is true that Prodencia's Tagalo consins and aimts and friends, young women with quite as much Spanish blood in their veins as she had and quite as pretty and intelligent, rode in the street car every day, and they rode barehended and barefooted at that, and smoked eighrettes or chewed a nasty blood red betel nut on the way, quite able to take care of themselves in every respect, just as Prudencia would have been had not fate cursed her mother and father with a little money, thus essabiling them to make of their daughter a cheap and menkeylike imitation of a Spanish woman. Even eigacettes and all their healthful, ac-

tive life were better than hers. The logal gentleman amiled. till the Americans have been here & year longer, and you'll let your daugh ground, and of their home only the ter go nione anywhere she likes in the street car. You will find it will be not only safe, but entirely proper," he said. But they only shook their heads in

stupid unbeliet. The kindly attorney made another suggestion: "Rents are cheap in Ermin. Why don't you take a small house and have the whole family go and live there, sumewhere near your

daughter's school?" "Even then our Prildencia would have to walk several blocks and alone four times a day," said her mother, "We could not let her do that, not over. It is out of propriety. No, senor, clas, no! This means of living is cut off from us. We must starve or beg

unless the good God belps us." You will my that people like that ought to starve. I say so, no, the sooner the better, that they may the more speedily get off the earth and be preparing for another lucarnation in which they will have more scuse.

YOUTHS' DEPARTMENT.

The King's Broken Promise-To Deccrate a Girl's Den-Armor Plated Boys.

Victor Emmanuel, king of Italy, is fond of hunting and goes to the mountains to enjoy this sport. He often is far in advance of his party and meets with adventures that amuse him greatly. One day he found himself alone on the mountains and with a stream to cross which was turbulent. He was too good a hunter not to recognize the danger of wading in a stream so deep and which he did not know. While looking at the stream and questioning what he would do a very tall, strong man came through the woods to the stream. "You must carry me over!" said the king. The man refused unless he was paid. They agreed on the price, the man stipulating that his passenger must alt perfectly still. If he moved, he would throw him in the wa-

The king agreed. The man stooped, the king mounted his shoulders as the baby does papa's, and they started across. When in midstream, the king got troubled about his dog, lest he should not follow, and turned to look. The man was very angry and declared he would drop his passenger in the water. The king was contrite, and the man went on. When they reached the other side, the man demanded double pny, "for," he said, "you put both our lives in danger when you turned." The king thought the demand was just and paid it.

"Is there anything else I can do for

you?" asked the king.
To this the man replied; "I have long wanted a donkey. If I had a donkey, I could sell my vegetables in Turin. It in a good market."

"Would not a horse be better?" queried the king. "No," was the man's reply. "The

donkey could live in the cow shed. The horse must have a stable. I have no money."

The next day the man was working in his fields when his wife called to him that the king had sent him a horse and a bag of money. The man laughed at the idea. Why, the king did not know him.

The wife insisted that the man should come to the house. There the king's messengers told him who it was he carried over the stream; that the king realised the danger he had placed the man in when crossing the stream, and the horse and the money to build a stable were the king's recompense for forgetting for a moment his promise.

Long afterward, on an occasion of state, the king was in Turin. The man to whom the king had given the horse and the money for a stable waited till the king's carriage came, when he rushed out into the street and thanked the king and pointed to the barse harnessed to a cart filled with vegetables.

To Decorate a Girl's Ben.

An original girl who has an eye for the artistic has been collecting for some time engravings, which in reality are frontispieces cut from high class magazines, pretty little water sketches and Gibson's famous pen and ink atodies of his American girls, and wished to utilize her collection in deccating her "den" in some way. Taking the various studies all together, they were hardly worth the expense of framing; so, setting her with together, she bought some sheets of blue blotting paper, also some gray paper such as art students use for crayon work and which can be had for a few cents.

Cutting the blotting paper larger than the pictures she selected, in order to leave a margin, she fastened each water color on its blue mut by a drop of scarlet scaling wax about the size of a 50 cent piece and stamped it while soft with her monogram seal used on her letters. The pen and ink sketches she placed in the same manner on gray mats, only using huge black seals, varying the number of seals and their positions as much as possible, sometimes using one at each corner, at but two corners, or only one at the top of a picture. These she arranged on a panel at one end of her little den, and every visitor she had declared she would "go straight and do likewise."

The Moon Bahy.

There's a beautiful guiden ceadle
That rocks in the suce red sky.

I have seen it there in the evening air
When the bale and the heetler fly,
With little white clouds for curtains,
And pillows of fleery wool,
And a dear little bed for the Moon Raby's head,
So tiny and beautiful.

There are tender young stars around it

That wait for their both of dew
In the purple times that the sun's searm prin
Have left on the mountain blue;
There are good little gentle planets
That want to be morsed and kineed
And laid to sleep in the ocean deep
Under silvery folds of min.

But the Moon Saler first must slumber For he is their ploud young bing; Bo, hand to hund, round his bed they stand,

And bulishies how ting along, And the beautiful guidous eradic is recied by the whole that every, With phylone soft, from the halfs aloft, Where the Moon Baby lives by day, --Pall Mail Gasette.

Armor Pinted Boys. It is important these days that there should be armor plated boys, A boy

needs to be ironclad on-His lips-against the first taste of Hanor. His cars-against impure words. His hands-against wrongdoing.

His heart-against dangerous books and pictures. His pocket-against dishonest money. His tongue-against evil speaking.

The Christian armor on her citizens gives more security to the nation than all the armor plates that are on her ships. So says The Christian Guard-

PEOPLE OF THE DAY.

Manrus Jokal, who at the age of 79 is about to take unto himself an 18year-old wife, is the greatest novelist of Hungary and one of the most fa-mous in Europe. He is the author of 160 books, 25 remances of several volumes each, 320 noveleties and 6 plays. His books have had a sale of nearly a million copies in Hungary alone, and bis roreances, plays and many of his novelettes have been translated into every European language. Jokal was



MAURUS JOEAL the founder of the new school of Magyar literature, the literary pursuits of his race having become partially obsolete. The best known of his books to Americans is probably "The Ro-mance of the Next Century," although his "Poor Rich Man" is also popular.

This is his second matrimonial venture, his first having been made 50 years ago, when he wedded itosa La-borfalvi, the greatest of Hungarian actresses.

A Rich Princess.

Princess Louise seems likely to become one of the richest members of the

English royal family. Her marriage with the Marquis of Lorue has not necessitated the keeping up of any great state, and, being childless, her



PRINCESS LOUISE. expenses are comparatively few. On marriage she received a dowry of \$150,000, and she had magnificent wedding gifts of diamonds, rubies, pearls and other jewels. Like the rest of the queen's children, she has an income of \$30,000 a year.

United States cavelry was regarded in are fed immediately after milking at 6 1874 as the next candidate for the ap- o'clock, again at noon and the remainpointment of brigadier general, but another wearer of the silver engle on his shoulder straps came into prominence about that time in the person of Colonel Nelson A. Miles of the Fifth Infantry. In Colonel McKenzie's regiment there was a grizzled veteran, Captain Napoleon B. Mcf.aughlin. One starlit night he and Colonel McKenzle were together in camp on a scout upon the plains in Texas. Colonel McKenzie was walking up and down near his tent. anapping his fingers and showing many signs of inward excitement. Suddenly he stopped and gazed up at the sky "What are you looking for, colonely inquired Captain McLaughlin, stepping out from his test, from which he had been watching the officer's movements. "Oh, I'm only looking for a star!" said the colonel, with some embarrassment. "Colonel," said the veteran gravely, "I fear there's Miles between you and that star?" Events proved that there was reason in his words.-Columbian.

Howard Gould In Sweden.

Howard Gould, with his monster yacht, the Ningara, anchored in the harbor of Stockholm and surprised the citizens by his unassuming way and open handed hospitality. All have been welcome to view the floating paince, and the elite of the city have availed themselves of the courtesy. At the conclusion of the yacht races Mr. Gould gave a dinner on board, at which were present American Minister Thomas and Consul General Winslow. Yacht builders at every city where the Niagara drops anchor receive an opportunity to inspect the vesset, and all confess that America ean build ships. Mr. Gould makes this voyage in a businesslike manner, and all accounts of stores and supplies are k at the same as on an ocean steamer. Even the menu for the crew is printed, and no body of senmen fares so well as those on the Niagara. Emperor William asked to see the bill of fare for the seamen, and he said that many days his own table did not present such an attractive menu-Blockholm Cor. Chicago Record.

Zola a Photographer. Emile Zoia is one of the more expert amateur photographers in Europe and

is now busy in his country home to Medan over a mass of snap shots which he took in London. His col lection of pictures is large and interesting. He has hotels, bridges, public bouses, wharfs, boats, palaces and an assuriment of tatterdomallons and castaways from the meanest quarters of London.

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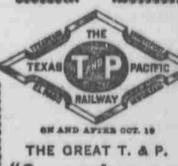
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